

DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed in an application entitled **"TOW HOOK HITCH ASSEMBLY AND METHOD."**

the specification of which X is attached hereto and ___ was filed on _____
and assigned Application Serial No. _____ and was amended on _____.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, §1.56(a).

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>Not applicable</u>			<u>Priority claimed</u>	
<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Date filed)</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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Wherefore I pray that Letters Patent be granted to me for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the above-identified patent application.

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